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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Rock Report on National Security Research

1. Vince Rock has done a fine job singlehanded in a limited time. He amply documents that there is plenty of departmentally-oriented research, but far from enough research directly oriented toward national security policy orientation.

2. Of course I am not sure that the latter is really "research" in the traditional sense. Despite Vince's attempt to clarify what he means by national policy (as distinguished from departmental) research, it doesn't come through too clearly. I suspect that what he calls "research" here is really more policy planning at the national level. He is really talking largely about Killian, Gaither, S/P, or RAND-type studies of what the situation indicates the U. S. should do. Some of these are hardly "research." However, no matter what we are talking about we surely need more of it.

3. His recommendation for a small "Office of Special Studies" within NSC Staff to monitor, coordinate, and inspire research is a rather modest approach toward what he defines as a big problem, but nonetheless a quite useful start. I recommend we support it as a step in the right direction.

4. Another recommendation that each agency designate a senior man to foster and correlate national policy type research (and liaise with the NSC office) creates no problems for us.

5. You will find in the report rather little about CIA in comparison to some of the agencies (e.g., State, USIA, Irwin's office) which really puffed up their contributions. [redacted] and I pointed out that a very large portion of the entire intelligence function, especially in DDI Area, was what Rock calls "research," and felt that this didn't need belaboring.

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